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Dear Sirs,

Island Plastic Bags is the only company who actually manufactures t-shirt bags in the State of Hawaii. Therefore a ban will affect our employment numbers (18) and tax revenues.

I would like you to consider the following before you decide to ban polyethylene (plastic) t-shirt bags:

1. T-Shirts bags are the most affordable product any other product would be an regressive tax on your constituents.
2. Plastic bags were utilized because of theft (opaque bags in stores), damages (separation of groceries), sanitary purposes (re-usable bags need to be wash, etc.), etc.
3. Unreasonable phobia on plastic bags as environmentalist go crazy when they see a plastic bag that is litter. Why not react the same way with paper or other products littering the road. I believe its environmental brainwashing as "you say it long enough and loud enough the public will believe it".
4. We have H-Power on Oahu and the neighbor islands do not. HPDE is an excellent fuel and will convert to water and carbon dioxide upon incineration.

Should you still decide to ban plastic bags then I ask that you also ban plastic reusable bags (PP) as well. You are replacing one form of plastic with another. Please consider bamboo, jute, canvas (cotton) or any natural fibers for a reusable bags.

Please also consider allowing all alternative products such as compostable/biodegradable bags, paper, etc. Let the public and businesses choose the most efficient product other then polyethylene.

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